



# Foggy Bottom News

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## Trust Funds Will Benefit FB/WE

By Ron Cocomo

Those of you who have been attending the Foggy Bottom Association membership meetings have heard me describe in detail the association's involvement in the development of the Columbia Hospital for Women site and the agreement reached with the developer Trammell Crow Company. However, there have been questions about this relationship from other members of the community. I would like to take this opportunity to give you—the residents of the Foggy Bottom and West End communities—an overview of the FBA's involvement and the benefits which will accrue to our neighborhood.

### Covenant Signed in 1987

In 1987, the FBA, along with Advisory Neighborhood Commission 2A, entered into a covenant with Columbia Hospital for Women limiting development on the site to 230,000 square feet. Through this covenant the FBA, in essence, obtained an ownership position. Last year, Trammell Crow Company bought the CHW site for development purposes, and indicated that in order to make the project economically feasible, it would need to build beyond the limits imposed by the covenant. In response to comments expressed in three public forums, Trammell Crow's proposal was to provide a project of guaranteed owner-occupied residential housing and much needed neighborhood-friendly retail—exactly the development that our neighborhood has wanted for so long. After the ANC voted unanimously to support a full 350,000 square-foot building and indicated its willingness to amend the covenant to achieve that goal, Trammell Crow negotiated with the FBA to amend the covenant and the FBA worked to assure that the community would receive full value for this asset.

I believe that we have fulfilled our responsibility to the community as we were obligated to do. In its written agreement with the FBA, Trammell Crow has committed to:

- Build a condominium with a requirement that 80% of the apartments be owner-occupied;
- Include space on the street level of the residential building for neighborhood-friendly retail uses, subsidized by a portion of the funds coming from the developer to a neighborhood trust fund; and
- Make a contribution to the trust fund to be managed by the Foggy Bottom Association's Neighborhood Defense and Improvement Trust Corporation.

The contribution to be made to the trust fund will be on a sliding scale based on the gross floor area development rights approved by the District of Columbia. If the full retail development is realized (a grocery store, hardware store and bakery/coffee shop is the current mix being considered), the top \$5 million agreed to would be reduced by \$1.4 million to "subsidize" the retail component.

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Please attend the City Council hearing on the BZA nomination, set for Wednesday, April 30, at 2:00 p.m. The FBA, ANC-2A and many other citizens all over the city oppose the Mayor's nomination. (See below.)

## Update

### FBA Actions Taken/Announced

At FBA's March meeting, 2nd District Sergeant Tammy Lane distributed and discussed MPD's Emergency Preparedness brochure and answered questions on preparedness and other police matters, among them how citizens can deal with various unruly disturbances at residences or restaurants/bars. (See article elsewhere in this issue.)

### Collins Queried About BZA Appointment

The audience also questioned the guest speaker, Ronald Collins, about the failure of the Mayor to re-appoint a resident-friendly person (Anne Renshaw) to the Board of Zoning Adjustment and his intention to appoint Ruthanne Miller, who in their opinion is developer-friendly. FBA Board Member Thalia Johnson related Renshaw's exemplary service and asked why "do they end up not being reappointed?" His answer was that the administration wants to give others a chance to serve, but admitted there might be "other issues" involved. Ms. Miller is the wife of Rob Miller, a highranking staffer for Council Chair Linda Cropp who is married to a GWU executive, bringing to the fore-

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## GW Files for Delay of Campus Plan Conditions

### To Admit Record Freshman Class

The George Washington University has filed two motions to delay or negate Conditions 9 and 10 of the Campus Plan Order, in an effort to keep from having to house 5600 undergraduates on campus or outside of Foggy Bottom by the fall of 2003.

At the same time it announced plans to admit 2400 freshmen next fall, the second largest class in its history. Budget shortfalls were given as the reason for increasing the class size from an earlier estimate of 2250. (See article on page 4.)

One motion was filed with the D.C. Court of Appeals which has ruled against it. A second motion asks the Board of Zoning Adjustment, the body which issued the Campus Plan Order, to exempt the University from obeying those provisions. It asks for a stay pending the outcome of another case filed in the D.C. Court of Appeals. The latter is based on several GW assertions, including that the campus plan violates the D.C. Human Rights Act by discriminating against students, "a protected class under the DCHRA," according to the university's law firm. ANC-2A and other residents and groups are expected to oppose the stay at the BZA hearing scheduled for May 6. It will be held in the Zoning Hearing Room at 441 Fourth Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square), at about 11:00 a.m.

### Motions Follow Denials of Appeals

A three-judge panel of the U. S. District Court for the District of Columbia (a federal court) ruled that the conditions do not violate GW's constitutional rights and the entire nine-judge court later declined to rehear the case.

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## FOGGY BOTTOM ASSOCIATION MEETING

All Residents Welcome

Guest Speaker:

**Mark Wenzler**

Director of Energy Programs  
National Environmental Trust

Monday, April 28, 2003

The Melrose Hotel

2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

7:30 p.m.

(Next meeting: Monday, May 19, 2003)



## Winifred Alter Jennings

Winifred Jennings, owner of the Allen Lee Hotel at 23rd & F Streets, N.W., died March 28 at the age of 99. She had lived in the house next to the hotel with her granddaughter, Dawn Southard, for the last 20 years. Her grandson-in-law, Dennis Hollier, manages the Allen Lee.

During her lifetime she purchased and operated several small hotels; these included some of the grand hotels of the era: the Gordon, the Grafton, and the Ebbitt.



They also owned many rooming houses that used to flourish in the city, and were home to a whole segment of work-

ing class residents, the "near poor," and retirees of limited means.

A memorial service was held at the Newman Catholic Center chapel next to the hotel, and Father James Greenfield, former chaplain at the center, conducted the "celebration of her life." During the service friends recalled her generosity, especially toward children. Her former husband owned a waterski school at Beverly Beach, and she routinely took groups of orphans for picnics there, and later her children and their friends as well.

## Letters

### Issue Is Affordable Housing

I am writing in response to your article "Tiverton Resident Questions Project." I appreciate your bringing my letter to the attention of your readers; however, your article overlooks the bigger picture: the disappearance of affordable housing in the West End.

Your readers would be better served if you concentrated on the real issue here: the fact that the property on which the hospital sits will be

yet another luxury condo complex that only the very wealthy can afford.

As a 10-year resident of the West End, I have seen this neighborhood lose much of its livability and affordability. The Ritz-Carlton swallowed up an entire city block and gave us none of the retail, restaurants, coffeeshops, or movie theaters that it promised. Developers of the luxury condo project at 24th and M now say they cannot give us the grocery store that West End residents so badly need. And I predict that by the time Columbia Hospital developer Trammell Crow and the His-

toric Preservation Review Board agree on a plan, much if not all of the retail that is being proposed will vanish.

My point is this: just as Foggy Bottom has been swallowed up by George Washington University, the West End is suffering the same fate at the hands of developers and city officials who lack concern for preserving affordable housing and ensuring livability for its residents. This is the real issue.

Deborah Akel  
The Tiverton  
24th Street

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ests of the community and applauds your efforts. Great things are going on in this "little red schoolhouse" and I would like to extend an invitation to members of your organization to visit the school and chat with us. To

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## Becker Beat

### There's Something Missing at the KenCen

The Center picked the day of its big press conference introducing its coming season to remove a number of trees to the east and west of the temporary walkway from New Hampshire and F. Residents and patrons may recall that during last summer, a number of picnic tables were placed west of the walkway, where scampering squirrels



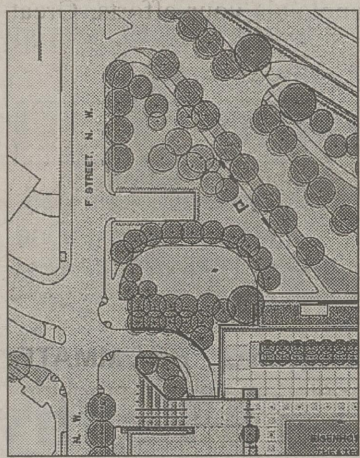
and ducks and ducklings often joined humans enjoying the shade. All those trees are gone, as well as those east of the walkway, at least one of which was very large, well beyond the size now allowed by the city to be removed. Evidently, when the construction is finished, it will be



clear that a significant number of trees on the Center's property have been removed.

Attempts by the News to find out why the trees were removed were not successful. The Center stated only that the trees would be replaced, and according to the project manager, they will be trees of some maturity.

But what is planned for that area on a 2002 Illustrative Site Plan appears to be a grass oval, circled by trees. Evidently the planners decided not to keep the old, big trees, and replace them with newly purchased ones "down the road." New trees, however, will scarcely make up for the almost wholesale tree removal, and one observer commented that it "is too bad I'll have to be 110 years old to enjoy them again."



### Spring is in the Air—And in FB's Trees

By Ann Brown

Spring is the time for nest-building among our feathered friends, and some of Foggy Bottom's human residents are helping provide a home for new avian families. This year, Karin Roux, a biologist from the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, is focusing her studies on the House Wren. Several Foggy Bottom residents have volunteered to have nest boxes placed in their yards to attract them. Over the course of the season, scientific data about the reproductive success of the birds will be collected. This is particularly exciting in an urban setting. This study is in conjunction with the Neighborhood Nestwatch program which enlists volunteers to observe birds in their natural habitat.

Some of us urban humans probably think that we need to travel far and wide to find interesting bird life. However, just walking a couple of blocks in FB, it is not unusual to find six or several different species of birds, each with its own distinct calls, colors, and nesting habits. Among those spotted so far this year have been a peregrine falcon, bald eagle, red-billed woodpecker, hairy woodpecker, blue jay, and scarlet tanager. Residents "hosting" nest boxes are Jackie and Ken Durham, Bobbie Hertzfeld, and Ellie Becker.

If you see someone walking around with binoculars during the day, don't be alarmed because there's a good chance they are studying the abundant bird life in our neighborhood. If you are interested in getting involved in Nestwatch, please go to [www.nestwatch.si.edu](http://www.nestwatch.si.edu).

### Be Alert for Dumping

There have been several instances recently of the dumping of large amounts of bulk trash at the intersection of 25th & Pennsylvania Avenues. They were seen at 2501 Pennsylvania (a vacant building), then in the triangular park at 25th & L Streets right across the street.

Anyone who sees instances of illegal dumping should:

- Call 311 if the dumping is going on;
- Call the Department of Public Works (645-7346);
- Call the National Park Service (619-7222) if the dumping is in the small park, which belongs to the NPS.

### And Help With the Small Stuff Too

All litter, no matter the size, is unacceptable. A good resolution, for your neighborhood and perhaps your waistline, is to pick up at least one piece of litter per day and place it in the next trashcan you see. Plastic bottles and aluminum cans abound, dropped by "slobs" who are oblivious to the fact that these items don't go away by themselves. It's a great citizenship project. But don't forget to wash your hands before you eat your next meal!

### Be Prepared for Spring Disturbances

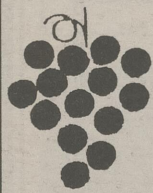
When it comes to sleep-disturbing events, remember the old saying: "The Lord helps those who help themselves." When it happens:

- Call 311 and ask that police respond;
- If there is no response within a reasonable period, call again;
- Always ask that the police come back about 30 minutes later, to see if disturbances have ceased;
- If there is no police response, call the Commander of the 2nd District, Jeffrey Moore, at 282-0042 the next day and report what happened.

Police officials have told residents that they will respond, will return and fine the offenders if disturbances do not cease, and if needed will arrest them if a third call is needed.

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## GW To Admit Record Class

According to the GW Hatchet, the university is planning to admit 2400 new freshmen next fall, 150 more than earlier stated. The reason given was budget restraints, and the increase will bring in an additional \$6 million from tuition and fees. Officials say this will be the second largest freshman class in the school's history.

The student newspaper's editorial, entitled "Stop the Insanity," chides the university administration for its continuous expansion, and for establishing "a horrible precedent" of using larger enrollment to "compensate for budget deficits and poor long-term planning." The editorial further states that "Instead of cutting costs like typical businesses," GW is "putting the burden on GW students who are paying increasingly exorbitant tuition prices for a declining proportion of the services."

Further on, the editorial writer echoed what many residents feel is an injudicious use of students' funds, surmising that the extra students "are needed simply to pay

University lawyers for GW's lawsuit to get the BZA restrictions lifted."

Later editions of the Hatchet reported on the current shortage of classrooms which is expected to be worse in the future.

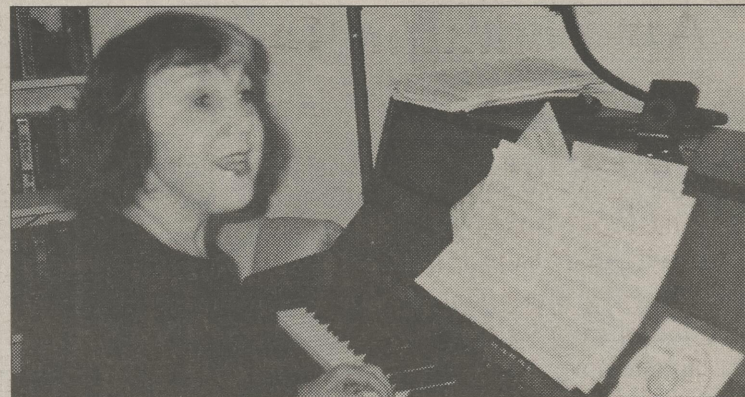
In the same issue is an opinion piece by former ANC Commissioner (and GW alumnus) Richard Sheehy headlined "City does not discriminate against students." That charge is made by GW in the D.C. Court of Appeals case described elsewhere in this issue. "To apply the D.C. Human Rights Act to GW students," claims Sheehy, "is an insult to those who fought to enact the law." He further charges that GW itself is practicing discrimination by leasing or buying property outside the campus, effectively making formerly private housing unavailable to and discriminating against non-students."

Residents, however, do not agree with his advice for students to get apartments, as this would only increase their presence in our neighborhood residences.

## Watergate Gallery Presents Helen Zughaib

An opening reception will be held on Saturday, May 3, from 6:00-9:00 p.m. for a showing of work by Foggy Bottom resident Helen Zughaib.

The title of the show, "Views, Near and Far," encompasses scenes of Washington and the Middle East. She is renowned for her painting in gouache and ink, defining space with color and pattern in a manner influenced by Middle Eastern art. Helen has been resident of Foggy Bottom since 1985, and has exhibited widely in both solo and group shows here and abroad. Her work is in over 80 private collections as well as the Library of Congress, the World Bank and many law firms in the area. Dale Johnson of the Gallery says that the artist's passion for her art as well as her charming nature can be felt in the vitality of her work.



### Fifteen Minutes More

Roz Freund, Foggy Bottom resident, has added 15 more minutes of fame to her resume' as a composer.

On Monday afternoon, March 24, she performed at the Kreeger Auditorium of the Jewish Community Center in Rockville. Her presentation: "Composing: A Leap of Faith, or Can You Put It to Music?"

Steve Ross, on CD, was at the piano and singing her seven songs; (Roz occasionally joined in). Steve is a local musician whom The New York Times calls "The Crown Prince of Cabaret."

Roz introduced each of

her cabaret songs with a brief synopsis of what prompted its writing.

The CD has been featured several times at the Millennium Stage of the Kennedy Center, last on Wednesday, March 19.

John Pieffer, Assistant Principal Horn of the Kennedy Center Opera House Orchestra, premiered her song "Ordered Me Love," which is on the CD, in the Jazz in the Afternoon series of the Corcoran Gallery.

Stevie Beck, Executive Director of Garrison Keillor's famed radio show "Prairie Home Companion," is interested in having Roz and her music on the show.

She's appeared in two off-Broadway cabaret shows; one at 88's, the other at Don't Tell Mama.

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## Air Pollution Topic of FBA Meeting

The growing and serious problem of urban air pollution, especially in the FB/WE neighborhood, will be the main topic at the Foggy Bottom meeting scheduled for Monday, April 28. It will be held at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. at 7:30 p.m.

The featured speaker is Mark Wenzler, Director of Energy Programs at the National Environmental Trust. In his position he manages educational campaigns on national energy issues, including efforts to increase automobile fuel economy. He also serves as Air Quality Chair of the D.C. chapter of the Sierra Club and manages its endorsement of candidates for elected office in the city.

Due to the dangerous level of air quality in our area, Mr. Wenzler's remarks will be of interest to Foggy Bottom and West End residents.

A representative of the 2nd District of the MPD has also been invited to attend and report at the meeting.

### Foggy Bottom Folks

**Steve Timlin** has retired from his position at the law offices of Ford and Harrison, and is busy planning for the best show ever of flowers and shrubs in his big front yard. Since he'll be home to keep after it, it should be a beauty. Steve is famous for hosting neighborhood yard sales, and for selling Foggy Bottom T-shirts to neighbors and to lots of tourists.

A second avocation this spring for Steve is introduc-

ing his newest tenant to some of the sights of D.C. It is a special treat for him to repay her for her kindness and teaching skills when she was his typing teacher at Bay Shore High School in Bay Shore, New York a "year or two ago."

She is **Esther Stiles**, and shortly after they met when Steve took a trip back recently, she decided to make the move here and became his tenant.

## Critic's Corner



### Fanciful Paintings at Pope John II Center

Don't forget to take your visitors to D.C. to the Pope John Paul II Cultural Center near the Catholic University. It is a peace institute and it is universal in its discussion of differing religions and its theme for better inter-religious understanding. Right now there is an exhibit of the works of Father Jerome Tupa, O.S.B., who took a pilgrimage through Italy and painted playful canvases of religious sites along the way. He apparently follows the work of Chagall and his brilliantly-colored works are curvilinear with fanciful interpretations of the walls and accoutrements. Definitely a cheerful show for all Italians and for other families on tour or living in the area. The viewer almost feels god-like looking through a peep hole as one checks out the diety's religious institutes. (To 5/7)

### Bourke-White at the Phillips

The Phillips Collection has opened "Margaret Bourke-White's The Photography of Design-1927-1936." It is a great show for reminiscing about the good old days of fierce industrialization. It is a joy to see those lines of telephone operators who were often caught "listening" in to guard our safety and security of home...a function now in the hands of the federal government. Of course, the most exciting part of the show are the contrasting photos of the industrialization in the Soviet Union which seemed to have more drudging laborers attired in filthier work clothes. World-famous Ms. Bourke-White manages to do some excellent character studies of people as well, as seen in the line of ballet students in the Soviet school and the parched victims of our open plains famine. Every picture brings a precious memory for the old folks so be certain to bring them along to the Phillips. (To 5/11)

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### BZA Told of "Good Faith"

In the filing with the BZA, GW asserted that it is unfair to demand that it supply 1000 beds outside of Foggy Bottom when it has "attempted in good faith to develop the . . . beds called for . . ." and an adequate number of beds is available in dormitories near the campus but within Foggy Bottom.

It cited the new dorms being constructed as well as the Hall on Virginia Avenue, a former hotel which was purchased to house freshmen, but could not be used for them under the Order. GW has announced it will continue to house freshmen at HOVA, in defiance of the Campus Plan Order, as well as make other changes to allay complaints from returning students. The student newspaper commented editorially the "defiant stance on noncompliance foreshadows a showdown with the city that might force the University to make even more drastic changes. Blatantly turning its back on a city mandate could have damaging consequences for the University in the future, forcing students into even more undesirable situations." As long as GW does not comply with the order, no building permits will be authorized for nonresidential construction, including the business school or additional classrooms.

GW also stated that acquiring appropriate housing outside of Foggy Bottom is difficult in that it needs to be "in a safe neighborhood, and situated near a Metro stop," and "because of this jurisdiction's tough statutory protections for existing tenants."

But in mid-April, GW purchased a luxury apartment building in Rosslyn to house upperclassmen. A total of 125 units in the building, set for completion in June, are set aside for students, who will pay an extra \$150 per month. According to the GW Hatchet, charges for the apartments will run from \$1,750 to \$3,100 per month plus utilities (water, electricity and internet access).

In the meantime, there are reports from GW students and student groups that the highly confused situation for choosing next year's housing might cause students to opt out of dormitory living and try to move into Foggy Bottom residences, perhaps increasing rather than decreasing their number in the residential neighborhood.

### Second Motion Charges "Red-Lining"

In its 23-page filing before the District of Columbia Court of Appeals, GW stated that the BZA did not intend to "ameliorate any problem of noise, traffic or congestion, but rather . . . to reduce the number of students taking up residence in the Foggy Bottom community and thereby 'displacing' non-student residents." It further stated that the BZA should not be allowed to "red-line" areas to "keep out any racial or ethnic minority, religious group, women or the elderly," including the "protected class of students."

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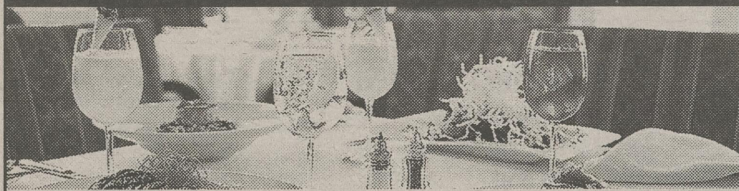
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Volunteers from IONA Senior Services and from GW assist Foggy Bottom senior citizens in various ways. Both groups perform services such as grocery shopping and friendly visits.

IONA volunteers also take seniors to doctor's appointments and perform administrative duties. Schedules are flexible and can start with as little as one hour a week. Contact the Volunteer Coordinator at 895-9425.

The group at the Newman Center, called "Good Samaritans," are GW students who volunteer to help seniors. Newman Center students also work on Friday afternoons to make sandwiches at St. Paul's Church on K Street and on Saturday and Sunday morning to help deliver food with the Grate Patrol.

In addition, various student groups help out at St. Mary's Court, especially Kappa Sigma and Sigma Kappa, who sponsor a "Senior Prom" at the senior residence on 24th Street. The Neighbors Project also schedules a "Senior Prom" celebration at the Marvin Center Grand Ballroom, cosponsored by the Emmaus Services for the Aging and the Student Association. During the year the "Neighbors" perform community services at no less than 10 area projects, e.g., FLOC Children's Learning Center and Martha's Table.

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## Officers Honored for Locating GWU Patient

The Commander of the MPD Second District has submitted a commendation for four officers involved in a search for an elderly patient missing from GWU Hospital. After he was notified at mid-morning, Lt. Mark Carter established a "Critical Missing Person Command Post" and alerted all MPD personnel, as well as Park Police, Secret Service, merchants and business improvement district workers.

Officers on daywork stayed over to continue to search, and those on the evening tour helped as well. She was located in the afternoon at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel and returned to the hospital.

The other officers heavily involved in the search and rescue were Alton Ellis, Kevin Kennedy and Clyde Pringle. A commendation ceremony for "a job well done" is being planned.

## Trust, from page 1

The trust has been organized as a nonprofit corporation under the D.C. Code and qualifies under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. Those elected by the FBA Board to serve as trustees are Elizabeth Elliott, Ed Gable, Thalia Johnson, Jackie Lemire, Sol Shalit, Barbara Spillinger, and myself. This group bears the responsibility for administering the trust, including the drafting of criteria for fund disbursements. The trust's activities will be fully transparent and all reports required by Federal and District of Columbia law will be filed. Final decisions on expenditures will be made by the FBA Board which is composed of individuals from all quadrants of the community elected by the membership on an annual basis.

## Trust Will Be Separate

It needs to be emphasized that all of the money contributed to the trust fund will be used for the betterment of the community, i.e., the Foggy Bottom and West End areas. No funds will be used for salaries or administrative costs; the Board of Directors will receive no compensation. The Trust funds will be separate and will not be commingled with the operating funds of the FBA.

I believe that the Association has served the community exceptionally well in this undertaking. We have taken a valuable but dormant asset and turned it into an active tool for revitalizing the West End in the short term with new residential housing and retail, and protecting it and Foggy Bottom in the long term with a fund that will enable the community to pay for legal expertise and technical assistance to assure that both areas remain viable, healthy, residential neighborhoods.

*Ron Cocome as President of the Foggy Bottom Association was responsible in large part for the negotiations leading to the agreement with the Trammell Crow Company.*

## Recent FB/WE Home Sales

In the last several months, a series of condos and co-ops (but no single-family houses) have been sold in our area. Many more are listed as under contract and due to settle before the end of May, and they will be printed in the next report.

Below are those from late January to early April, provided by Caroline Coates and Suzanne Foss of Coates Realty (333-0017).

Address	Bldg.	Bed/Bath	Sale Price	Date
940 25th	Claridge House	0/1	98,000	1/25
1001 26th	Potomac Overlook	1/1	268,000	2/10
1124 25th	Westminster Court	2/2	369,000	2/21
2401 H	Bonwit Plaza	1/1	177,000	3/8
1010 25th	Swarthmore	1/1	170,000	3/10
1140 23rd	Gibson	1/1	220,000	3/10
700 N.H.	Watergate South	1/1	329,000	3/18
940 25th	Claridge	1/1	149,000	3/18
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## Neighborhood Datebook

**Saturday, April 26:** Cleanup and Planting at 26th Street Park, followed by picnic lunch. 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

**Monday, April 28:** Foggy Bottom Association meeting, featuring Mark Wenzler, Director of Energy Programs for the National Environmental Trust, discussing the air quality situation in the District and especially in Foggy Bottom/West End. Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. All residents welcome. 7:30 p.m.\*

**Wednesday, April 30:** City Council Committee of the Whole hearing on appointment of Ruthanne G. Miller to the Board of Zoning Adjustment. Council Chamber, John A. Wilson Building, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. 2:00 p.m.\*

**Wednesday, April 30:** Concert featuring Deborah Benner, performing songs of the 30s and 40s (Gershwin, Cole Porter, etc.) followed by reception at the Maxim restaurant. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Saturday, May 3:** Opening reception for "Views, Near and Far," a show featuring the work of Foggy Bottom resident Helen Zughaib. Watergate Gallery & Frame Design, 2552 Virginia Avenue, N.W. Info: 338-4488. 6:00-9:00 p.m.\*

**Monday, May 5:** "St. Petersburg: Reflections on an Impossible City with Robert K. Massie," author of a Pulitzer Prize-winning book on Peter the Great. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Tuesday, May 6:** Concert by Canadian pianist Philip Thomson, noted for his playing of Romantics, especially Franz Liszt. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$15; member \$10. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Tuesday, May 6:** Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing on GWU's motion to stay Conditions 9 and 10 of the Campus Plan Order. Zoning Hearing Room, 441 Fourth Street, N.W. (Judiciary Square). Info: 727-6311. Hearings begin at 9:30 a.m.; motion discussion at about 11:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, May 7:** "Architecture and the 'Wow' Factor," presented by Pulitzer Prize-winner Paul Goldberger and Washington Post architecture critic Ben Forgey. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$20; members \$15. 6:45 p.m.\*\*

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#### Update, from page 1

front fears of possible bias. Another person said the appointment process in this case was "too cute by half," and surmised that the close connection to the Council Chair "inappropriately compromises the other Council members."

**A City Council hearing on the appointment is scheduled for April 30 at 2:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers, 1350 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W. Citizens from various areas of the city are encouraging residents to call or email the Mayor ([joyarnold@dc.gov](mailto:joyarnold@dc.gov)) and attend to let the Council know their views.**

During the meeting the

FBA President received approval of his appointments to the Nominating Committee: Richard Price, Rose Garguilo, Harold Talisman, Pat Morton, and Janet Farbstein.

At the FBA Executive Board meeting March 25: (1) the President requested nominations for the Olga Corey Award; (2) he asked for and received approval to hire counsel for an amicus brief in the D.C. Court of Appeals case, and to seek injunctive relief should a situation needing quick action occur; (3) took no action on a proposal to close I Street between New Hampshire and 24th Streets and deferred action on two DDOT parking proposals.

**Monday, May 12:** "Anne Makepeace: Documentary Filmmaker Extraordinaire," featuring the award-winning filmmaker discussing and showing clips of her films. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$16; members \$12. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

**Wednesday, May 14:** "Stroke Prevention & Treatment," presented by Perry Richardson, M.D., Co-director, Stroke and Cerebrovascular Center. GWU Hospital, 900 23rd Street, N.W. 7:00 p.m.

**Thursday, May 15:** "Hearts of Seniors," outlining risk factors, warning signs and maintaining a healthy heart, presented by Richard Katz, M.D., Director, Division of Cardiology, and cardiologist Reginald Robinson, M.D. GW Hospital, 900 23rd Street, N.W. 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**Friday, May 16:** Spring Bazaar, Bake Sale and Cookout. Bazaar donations welcome until May 9; bake sale items by 9:00 a.m. May 16. St. Mary's Court, 725 24th Street, N.W. Info: 223-5712. 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

**Monday, May 19:** "Talking Movies with the Movie Guys," featuring D.C.'s Joe Barber and Bill Henry showing clips from their favorite movies. Corcoran Gallery of Art. \$12; members \$8. 7:00 p.m.\*\*

\*See article elsewhere in this issue.

\*\*500 17th Street, N.W. Info: 539-1770.

### Virginia Avenue Bridge Completed

Work on 23rd Street and the Virginia Avenue underpass has been completed, although renovation of the service roadways will probably await the completion of GWU's construction of the 700-bed dormitory on the north side of the street. A welcome addition is the renovation of the median strip and the addition of a handsome wrought-iron fence to deter jaywalkers trying to cross at 24th Street, a very dangerous practice (especially for those dressed in dark clothes!). One nearby resident wondered if there are any plans to steam or otherwise clean the walls, especially those at street level. Stay tuned for an answer to that last query.

### Bus Ban Violations Seen

There have been several violations recently of the bus ban which is in force on 25th Street between H and K Streets, and I Street between New Hampshire and 25th Street. Residents will recall that this ban was imposed in 1984 to prevent street blockages and increased pollution. Two incidents involved the GW University Inn, and an official of the Inn assured the News it would not be repeated. Its management company, Potomac Hospital Services, declined to comment.

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